

# Nominate an outstanding Michigan History Educator!

We cordially invite you to submit nominations for the Odyssey Awards, a program created to honor outstanding educators of Michigan history.

The Michigan History Foundation supports Michigan education programs and teaching approaches that make learning about Michigan history exciting for children across the state.

This brochure contains the official nominating form and lists all of the materials that must accompany entries for the awards.

## Why these awards?

Key to all successful education programs are the dedicated educators who make learning come alive for their students. Michigan history educators across the state are doing a fantastic job of instilling a passion for learning in young people. The Michigan History Foundation believes it's important to recognize the efforts of these outstanding educators and help spread the word about what they are doing to inspire students and foster their interest in Michigan history.

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For the tenth consecutive year, the *Odyssey Awards* will honor three Michigan educators from across the state. In addition to a unique plaque and yearlong recognition at the Michigan Historical Center, each award recipient will receive a cash gift of \$500.

Award recipients will be invited to participate in the 2009 *Jingle Ball* to be held November 21, in Lansing, and will be asked to share their ideas and expertise with other educators across the state.

## Questions?

Questions about the *Odyssey Awards* may be directed to the Foundation office by calling 517-373-2565 or e-mail [mhfoundation@michigan.gov](mailto:mhfoundation@michigan.gov)

Send completed form to:

Michigan History Foundation  
P.O. Box 17035  
Lansing, MI 48901

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## Official Nomination Form



### Eligibility:

All nominees must be Michigan history educators.

### Nomination Deadline:

All entries must be postmarked no later than August 3, 2009.

### Entry Requirements:

The following materials must be mailed to the *Michigan History Foundation*,  
*P.O. Box 17035, Lansing, MI 48901* by the entry deadline:

completed nomination form, two letters of support, the nominee's profile and the letter of nomination.

### Support Materials:

Letters from two individuals who have personal knowledge of the nominee's achievements. The support letters should include the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of the supporters.

### Educator's Profile:

The nominee's personal data, such as memberships, awards, achievements, committee involvement, etc.

### Letter of Nomination:

In a typewritten attachment, please tell us why you are nominating the educator named for the *2009 Odyssey Award*.

Your letter of nomination should be no more than 800 words in length and should include information about the nominee's:

- *depth of knowledge about Michigan history;*
- *demonstrated leadership regarding Michigan history in their local school district and/or in their local community; and*
- *demonstrated creativity in teaching Michigan history.*

### Awards

### Announcement:

The names of the *2009 Odyssey Award* recipients will be announced publicly in September 2009. Award recipients will be invited to participate in and be recognized at the Jingle Ball on Saturday, November 21, at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

### Expectations:

The Michigan History Foundation will host an awards ceremony in the local community of each award recipient, among their students, colleagues and peers, to acknowledge their outstanding achievements.



*Please provide the following information about both the nominee and yourself:*

Educator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

School & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the following information about yourself:*



Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the following information about supporter #1:*



Supporter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the following information about supporter #2:*



Supporter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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